



# CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE March 1, 2013

## **CTE Spring Data Collection Now OPEN**

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Spring Data Collection begins March 1, 2013, and ends April 26, 2013. High schools need to identify all students in grade 12 who were enrolled at any point during the current 2012-2013 school year and have met the definition of a CTE Concentrator. CTE Concentrators are high school 12<sup>th</sup> graders who have earned three (3) or more credits in any CTE Area of Concentration in any combination. Currently enrolled courses count towards credits earned. Students meeting the CTE Concentrator definition must have the Concentrator box checked and an Area of Concentration entered into the AIM/Infinite Campus data system. If the student has a child or shares the parenting of a child, the Single Parent box should also be marked. All schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program must complete this CTE Spring Data Collection.

Instructions for completing the CTE Spring Data Collection can be found inside the 'Data Collections' tab on the Secondary CTE web page located at this link:

[http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1\\_6](http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6)

Questions regarding this data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1.877.424.6681 or [opiainhelp@mt.gov](mailto:opiainhelp@mt.gov).

Questions regarding CTE programs and/or the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program should be directed to Diana Fiedler at 406.444.9019 or [dfiedler@mt.gov](mailto:dfiedler@mt.gov).

## **Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources**

No update at this time.

### **FFA**

March is a busy month in the world of FFA. We are months into planning our 83<sup>rd</sup> State FFA Convention which will be held in Billings April 3-6.

This month is filled with due dates for chapters, practicing for state Career Development Events and getting excited for the kick off of our 83<sup>rd</sup> convention.

This month we still have several state Career Development Events, so advisors and students are busy preparing for JAAM ( Job Interview, Ag Issues, Ag Communications and Marketing Plan) which will take place on March 1<sup>st</sup> in Great Falls. We also have State Horse Judging which will also be on March 1<sup>st</sup> in Great Falls and then State Vet Science in Missoula on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Vet Science is one of our two new CDEs Montana FFA has. We added Food Science which took place in November and Vet Science. These two contests give our students more opportunity to be active in FFA and compete at the National FFA Convention in October.

This month the state officers will spend their whole spring break on the campus of MSU to prep for state convention. During this week the officers will be heading to Helena to meet with the Department of Agriculture, who sponsors our Building Our Montana Communities project, practicing retiring addresses, sessions, presentations and much more to ensure they are ready for state convention.



It will be a busy month, but we are looking forward to it here at FFA!

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## **Business Education**

### **Montana Business Educators Serve on National School Codes for Exchange of Data Project**

This winter, two of Montana's educators participated in the national "CTE Courses: Creating Commonality with SCED" project to update career and technical education courses within the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) School Codes for the Exchange of Data (SCED).

Sentinel High School's Cindy Schultz served as a member of Arts, A/V Technology and Communications cluster committee and Eric Swenson, Montana Business Education Specialist with the Montana Office of Public Instruction, was a committee member for the Finance cluster.

The "CTE Courses: Creating Commonality with SCED" project included input from the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc), the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), the US Department of Education (ED) and, most importantly, practitioners in the field. Working groups of 6-8 people per Career Cluster™ worked together to update and align career and technical education course names and definitions with the help of resources provided by the steering committee of ACTE, NASDCTEc and DOE representatives. CTE teachers, administrators, teacher educators, state education agency consultants, and local education agencies and postsecondary institutions, all participated with each working group will including a variety of participants across the profession and across states.

The recommendations from all cluster-area committee were submitted shortly after the first of the year to the National Center for Education Statistics for review at the NCES Winter Forum Meeting by the Forum SCED Committee.

### **Montana Business Education Association Membership Director Earns Award**

The 2013 Western Business Education Association (WBEA) Conference was held in Ogden, Utah, over the President's Day weekend, February 14-17, 2013. Attendees from Montana included Bozeman High School business educators Kerri Cobb and Sandy, Montana Business Education Association President Elaine Stedman from Sidney High School, and Montana Business Education Specialist. Eric Swenson.

During the Western Business Education Association Award Banquet, Montana Business Education Association Membership Director Linda Cotton (Cascade) was awarded the Robert J. Thompson WBEA Membership Award. This award is presented to the membership director who has achieved, or surpassed, the membership goal set by the National Business Education Association for their State/Territory/Province. In addition to Linda being presented with this award, the Montana Business Education Association also receives \$50.00 to help support membership recruitment efforts. Congratulations Linda and all the Montana members of the National Business Education Association.

The Robert J. Thompson WBEA Membership Award was established in 1987 and Montana has received the award 13 times. Robert J. Thompson was WBEA president during the 1970-1971 school year.



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## **Business Professionals of America**

No update at this time.

## **Montana DECA**

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## **Family and Consumer Sciences Education**

No update at this time.

## **Montana FCCLA**

No update at this time.

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## **Health Sciences Education**

### **HEALTH SCIENCE WEBPAGE**

The OPI Health Science webpage has been updated to reflect the K through 12 activities available to all schools.

Go to <http://opi.mt.gov>, then click on Programs/CTAE/Secondary/Health Science to see what we have to offer!

### **HEALTH SCIENCE in the CLASSROOM**

Many of our Health Science teachers are continuing their work to create robust programs of study that are linked to college dual enrollment opportunities. Some of these dual credit courses are Medical Terminology, Introduction to Nursing, and many pre-requisite math, science and English options.

### **STEM in CTE**

Our CTE division is also on the Leadership Team of the OPI STEM Initiative. Although this is a K-12 approach to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, CTE has a vital role advancing STEM Careers. Look for updated information next month and on the OPI website this summer.



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## **Montana HOSA**



Our CTSO, HOSA-Future Health Professionals, is gearing up for an exciting State Leadership Conference (SLC) in Great Falls, March 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. One of the highlights of the HOSA SLC is the Educational Symposiums we have to offer. Our partnership with regional hospitals allows us to feature an incredible array of educational symposiums so our students are exposed to areas of health care they may not have even known about! This year's selections include:

***Pharmacy, Mercy Flight Laboratory, Sports Medicine, Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies, Neurodiagnostics, Radiology, Neonatal ICU, Peace Hospice, Sletten Cancer Center, Dialysis, Cath Lab, Respiratory Therapy, Med/Surgery, Information Systems, Business Intelligence, Cystic Fibrosis, Davinci-Robot Surgery***

Don't you wish you could be a student again to take advantage of all of our CTE/CTSO opportunities?

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## **Industrial, Trades and Technology Education**

Steel Etc., a local Great Falls steel and recycling business, has donated \$20,000 to Great Falls College Montana State University (GFC MSU) to support the expanding needs of the welding program. Their generous donation will be used to establish Montana's first American Welding Society (AWS) Accredited Test Facility.

Helena High School is hosting an American Welding Society (AWS) sanctioned welding competition between Helena High School and Helena Capital High School. The event will take place on March 8, 2013. The public is invited to review the completed test pieces from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For further information, contact Cindy Galbavey at 406-324-2180.

Great Falls SkillsUSA Chapters are hosting Divisional Carpentry and Welding Contests to be held at Great Falls College Montana State University on March 8, 2013, starting at 9:00 a.m. For further details, contact Pete Pace at 406-750-1649

Jefferson High School, Boulder MT, will host SkillsUSA Divisional Carpentry, Cabinetmaking, Drafting, Power Technology, and Welding contests on March 16, 2013, at Jefferson High School. For further information, contact Matt Allen at 406-225-3317.

## **SkillsUSA**

No update at this time.

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